

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
APRIL 25, 2017**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2017. Thereafter, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to accept the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Keith Ingram, representing the Dubois County Veterans Council, asked to block off the square on Saturday, May 27, 2017 for the annual Memorial Day Service that will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the west side of the courthouse. He also asked permission to use the City Hall parking lot for firing squads to assemble and have the park department place three sets of bleachers in the ceremonial area so spectators can sit.

Mayor Seitz commented that the southeast quadrant of the Square is kept open to traffic. He told Ingram that he will need to contact the park department about the bleachers.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to agree to have the annual Memorial Day service on the Square on May 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Motion carried 3-0.

CHURCH IN THE PARK

Pastor Dennis Dale, representing CrossPoint Fellowship Church, asked to use the river walk, plaza area, certain City streets, and shelter houses #3 and #4 for their Church in the Park and Miles for Missions 5K events on Sunday, June 4, 2017, from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The 5K route begins near 4th and McCrillus Street, travels west on 4th Street, north on Mill Street, east on 15th Street to the river walk path, then south on the walking path to the plaza area.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the Church in the Park events on June 4, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.

OUTDOOR YOGA CLASS

Linda Kahle, representing Jasper LEADS, asked permission to use the German American Boulevard area on May 19, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for an outdoor yoga class taught by someone from Fire Horse Yoga Studio. This event is part of the Give where you Live community fundraiser.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give LEADS permission to use German American Boulevard on May 19, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.

PLACE DUMPSTER ON STREET

Mayor Seitz said Steve Skelton with Ideal Roofing wants permission to place a dumpster on the street while removing a roof from a house located at 708 Margaret Drive. The dumpster would be delivered on Thursday and removed by the end of the day on Friday.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit Ideal Roofing to put a dumpster at 708 Margaret Drive on Thursday and Friday. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK TRAILERS ALONG STREET

Mayor Seitz said Servants Inc located at 3145 Lottes Drive wants to park trailers along Lottes Drive which is a dead-end street while some dirt work is being done near its building.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give Servants permission to park trailers along Lottes Drive for three weeks. Motion carried 3-0.

BLOCK PARKING SPACES

City Engineer Chad Hurm said Seufert Construction wants to eliminate about eight parking spaces in the corner of the Square by the Astra so they can replace a sign. The work will be done the week of May 8, 2017 and will take about one-half day.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give permission for the contractor to close part of the Square for parking the week of May 8th with the stipulation they appear at the merchants meeting to inform them of this matter. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET CLOSURES

Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising said the Dubois County Highway Department wants permission to close Clay Street east of Wernsing Road in order to replace the bridge deck in that area. He said they want to start working May 1, 2017, weather permitting, and it should take about two weeks.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Mayor Seitz to close Clay Street east of Wernsing Road for about two weeks so the County can repair the bridge. Motion carried 3-0.

Theising then asked for permission to close Truman Road between 5th Avenue and Andrew Lane for two days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. sometime next week in order to replace a storm sewer.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give the street department permission to close Truman Road between 5th Avenue and Andrew Lane. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

Mayor Seitz acknowledged receipt of the monthly police activity report. He also acknowledged receipt of the fire department first quarter activity report as well as the fuel and maintenance report.

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang distributed copies of the code enforcement report.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reviewed the weed abatement process. He then reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

Owner: Allison Brewer
Location: 963 Bartley Street

Owner: Tony and Christy Ahrens
Location: 947 Bartley Street

Owner: Thomas Family LLC
Location: 558 US 231

Owner: Paul J Bromm
Location: 2410 Mill Street

Owner: William and Eileen Hall
Location: 1435 Mill Street

Owner: Nathan Ahrens
Location: 1209 Mill Street

Owner: Fracas LLC
Location: 529 W 9th Street

Owner: Matthew Potts
Location: 313 E 8th Street

Owner: William Burgess Herberer
Location: 320 E 7th Street

Owner: Dawn Herring
Location: 2504 Birk Drive

Owner: Jordan/Brian Leinenbach
Location: 901 Emily Street

Owner: Zachariah Elliott
Location: 1507 Mill Street

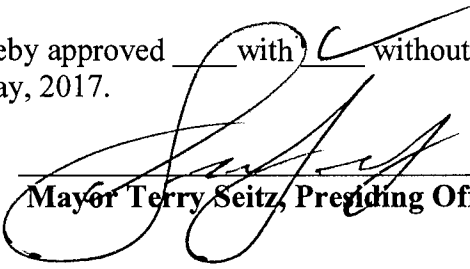
SUMMER INTERN

Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey asked permission to start the hiring process for an intern for this summer for her department. The person will work approximately twenty-five hours per week for ten weeks.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to give permission to advertise for an intern. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved with ☒ without corrections or clarification this 9th day of May, 2017.


Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer

Attest: 
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer